GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROB`S IN KERALA
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties created by Railway level crossing all over India, especially in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in constructing ROB`s on National Highways;

(c) whether the Development of National Highways is seriously affecting this problem;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) [MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM]

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals for construction of Road Over Bridges on National Highways are taken up ina phased manner depending upon the availability of funds and inter-se priority etc.

(c)&(d) The presence of railway level crossings on various National Highways including those inKerala is hampering the free flow of traffic and causing delay at some locations.

(e) Due to constraints of funds, the construction of ROB`s onNational Highwaysare also taken up under Build-Operate and Transfer (B.O.T.) scheme. From the revamped Central Road Fund, an amount of Rs.300 crore per year has been allotted since 2000-2001 to Ministry of Railways for safety works at Rail Road Crossings including the construction of ROB`s.Meetings are being held periodically between the officers of this Ministry and Railways to sort out the outstanding issues to expedite the construction of ROB`s on the National Highways.